

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 215

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Roger Dale Spivey, Sr.,
of Orlinda.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Roger Dale Spivey, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Roger Spivey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the thirteenth of sixteen children born to Arlo and Gladys Spivey, Roger Spivey was born and raised in the Orlinda community of Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, he attended grade school in Orlinda and graduated from East Robertson High School in 1967 before attending the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, from which he graduated in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spivey served with acumen and alacrity for many years as a pastor for several Free Will Baptist churches, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and congregants alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Roger Spivey served as the preacher for the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Manning, South Carolina, from 1976-78, for the First Free Will Baptist Church in Portland, Tennessee, from 1978-81, and the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church in Brookfield, Georgia, from 1981-86, during which time he also dedicated his time as a teacher at two Christian schools and as a church camp director; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Spivey returned to Orlinda with his family and accepted the position, on a temporary basis, as the preacher at Greenwood Free Will Baptist Church in Cross

Plains. He served as that church's devout spiritual leader for the next twenty-three years, during which time he also worked at the Robertson Cheatham County Farmers Co-op; and

WHEREAS, Roger Spivey, Sr., was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Wanda Gail Spain Spivey, with whom he shared forty years of wedded bliss, and was the proud father of Roger Dale Spivey, Jr., Rachel Dawn Short, and Randall David Spivey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spivey will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Elizabeth Spivey, Austin Short, Isaiah Short, Jacob Spivey, and Junior Spivey; his siblings, Jackie Spivey, Billy Joe Spivey, Helen Clayborn, Mable Redferin, Diane Wix, Linda Seabolt, Wanda Tate, Ann Carter, and Betty Jo Hodges; and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Roger Spivey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Roger Dale Spivey, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Spivey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.